BELIEF IS NOT YET

The Waters Continue to Rise in the West

THREATENING WIDE DAMAGE

-Great Damage to Property

emage as Armourchie-surfale much damage is done p. Many houses are half un-and families are vacating and families are vacating the run. The water has a jute the sewers, and this measurating out of the catch-d membels at such orapid Chy Engineer Ellis ordered a compalisatoners to fill up fire with seath. Wagon-business was thrown into busine and membels by the compalisation was thrown into busine and membels by the compalisation was thrown and the of the flowwise shad off. Early in Armquedale is today in. The water is 8 feet deep.

being encroached upon with hich will not require long he mging waters in the ut years before the of the country. Already res have been sliced off triing on their way to the hunder of caving banks is quest intervals above the cavy roar of the river, and infrequent occurrence to

reds of tons of earth, brush all stiffred part from the solid go beiling into the water.

evalling opinion among the shing the earth-annihilating that if the size continues the inevitably plunge through the mainst bed. The old aber road that formerly swept y round the head of the lake utterly swallowed up, along a of tangled willows and un-

Many Damage et St. Louis.

Letter, May 12.—The river at 7 massed the danger line, 33 feet, at 11 feet, at 12 feet, at 13 feet, at 14 feet, at 15 feet at 16 feet under water. Switch fault neck-deep to throw switches makes push loaded cars with long at amplies between them and the min order to keep in shallow and prevent the entinguishing of see. The Farmers' elevator is now useds in the river, but is surrounded and water and in little danger. By me works the bank is caving in works the bank is caving in Armenal laland in washing away.

of it is gone and more is going.

Brooklyn 200 acres of truck
hes are destroyed. Chouteau isis under water, thus ruining 3,500 is under water, thus ruining 3,500 as of farming land for the season. beaut island, 1,500 acres, is all under ter. Carr island is inundated and people living in all these places are under upon the neighboring settlements for shelter. The rise is going on as inch as bour.

To add to the distress in North St.

two large sewers have been by the pressure of back water pressure of back water pressure all the low points of the pressure all the low points of the people are temperature ground, and it will be large before they get back again.

m, ILL, May 14 -The situ to becoming quite serious als river is rising rapidly and reat damage to the property a living in the valley. Thousome living in the valley. Thousome live stock lost. This city is
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id be inundated. Many of the ceiare filled with water. The exive barrel and stave factory of
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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

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DESTROYED BY A CYCLONE.

Aveuera, Kan., May 14.—A cyclone struck this city at 6 o'clock Friday. It tore through the south end of town, destroying every house in its path. Fifteen residences were torn to kindling wood and scattered far and wide. The Santa Fe stock yards were blown down and the Santa Fe wires are all down. Ellaworth Hadley and Frank Marsh are badly hurt. The funnel-shaped cloud could be seen distinctly for an hour before it reached the city, circling about high in the southwest. No loss of life can be learned of. Noarly all the wires are down. Augusta, Kan., May 14 -- A cy

BOTH ARE DEAD.

Charles Jones Shoots Asma Bevan at Sp. ta, Ill.—He Ajos Kills Himself. SPARTA, Ill., May 14.—Charles Jones, aged 24. Anna Devan, aged 15. Julia McFarland, aged 17. all of Eden, a village 2 miles east of Sparta, came here to shop Friday afternoon. On their way back to Eden Jones produced a 35-caliber revolver and said to Miss Devan: "Will you marry me"

"Will you marry me?"

"Yes, right now," she replied, "If you give me the revolver.

"You lie," rejoined Jones. "You promised me this before and afterward went back on me, and now I intend to

kill you."

He then fired two shots at her, one taking effect in the head and the other in the back, killing her instantly. Julia McFarland jumped from the cart, and Jones followed. He walked a short distance from where he had shot Miss Davan in the cart, shot himself Miss Devan in the cart, shot himself in the head and fell dead. The horse became frightened and ran off with Miss Devan's body in the cart. It was pped 2 miles away.

FOR THE TOILERS.

OMANA, Neb., May 16.—In the Methodist conference on Friday Dr. Thomas Hanion almost exused a sensation by the introduction of a resolution calling upon the Methodist Episcopal church to put itself on record as being in sympathy with the toiling masses in their struggle against the encroachments of capital, asking that some compromise be effected on the basis of the universal brotherhood of man. He delivered a talling address in support of his resolution, and when he finished a dozen delegates were on their feet demanding a chance to reply. Dr. Little, however, OMANA, Neb., May 14 .- In the Methchause to reply. Dr. Little, however, had secured the floor and harmony was restored by the adoption of his motion to refer it to the committee on the state of the church. It is quite evident that diplomacy will be used and no radical

OHARA, Neb., May 14.—The national executive committee of the people's party has decided to call the convention for July 3, instead of July 4. Temporary organization will be effected on that day, so that the nominations can be made on July 4.

CLEEVLAND, O., May 14.—John Andersen, the much married man, has been sentenced to serve seven years in the state penitentiary for stealing \$1.—980 from Mrs. Ellen Purenil, of \$1.—Pub. Louis, the last of his victims.

The Senate Loses One of Its Most Able Members

WHO DIES WITHOUT A WARNING

Washington, May 14.—Senator Bar-tour, of Virginia, died suddenly and

quite unexpect-edly at his resi-dence, Second and B streets, N. E., at 6:30 o'clock a. m. The senator awakened shortly before and arouse

who was his

is. Senator Barbour left no im-ate family. His wife's sister, Miss diate family. His wife's sister, Miss ngerfield, presided over his house-id, and a brother resides in Culpep-Va. Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine, the senate, is in sharge of the funer-arrangements, which are not yet

When the house met the chaplain in is prayer alluded feelingly to the death f Senator Barbour. After the reading f the journal Mr. Meredith, of Vir-inia, announced the fact of Senator chour's decease in appropriate rds and said that at the proper time would offer resolutions fixing a day the usual tributes of respect for the parted. He then offered a resolu-Henderson, Hemphill, Mutch-unt, Compton, O'Ferrall, Har-tine and Grout were appointed committee. As a further mark

seems the office until the road was absorbed by the Virginia Middland in 1882. Ar. arrhour was a member of the Forty-seventh, brity-sighth and Forty-ninth congresses and acceded Mr. Riddleberger in the senate in §6. His term as senator would not have exred until May 3, 1895. Mr. Barbour has reded continuously in Washington for a great ang years, and was as highly esteemed by the right of this city as he was henored by the tissue of Virginia.)

Double of Gen. Rowiey.

Private A. Bowley was found dead in his bed at 6 a. m. at his late residence, 383 Webster avenue. His death is attaibuted to beart failure, as he was on the streets yesterday in apparently good health. Gen. Rowley was born in 1807. In 1846 he participated in the siege of Vera Cruz and several of the bloody battles ensuing, and was promoted for bravery. Capt Bowley entered the war of the rebellion as majer of the Thir-teenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. His advancement in rank was rapid, and after the battle of Gettysburg, in which Gen. Reynolds was killed, Bowley was placed in command of the Third division, First army corps, with the rank of general. Since the war Gen. Rowley has not engaged in any regular line of business. He was widely known in

DEEP-WATER CONVENTION. od to Provide Ade

Pure, Tenn., May 14.—The Mississippi valley deep-water convention re-convened at 11 o'clock Friday morning

convened at 11 o'clock Friday morning with Congressman John C. Tarsney, of Missouri, in the chair. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we petition the United States government to provide adequate and continuous appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi river and its principal tributaries so as to secure safe and free nevigation of these rivers and deep water navigation in the Mississippi river to the most afficient extennesticable."

BEHRING SEA ARBITRATORS.

WASHINGTON, May 14—It is stated on the authority of Secretary Binine that Mr. Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court and John Morgan, United States senator from Alabama, have been selected by the presi-dent as arbitrators on the part of the United States in the Behring sea arbitration. England will now appoint two arbitrators, and there are three others to be appointed—one by the king of Sweden, one by the president of the republic of France and one by the king of Italy sking seven arbitrators in all. E. J. helps, late United States minister to agiand, has been selected as chief

WOMEN ADJOURN.

The Club Congress at Chicago Ricel Officers and Closes Its Sessions. CRICAGO, May 14.- The conference of the general federation of women's clubs

the general federation of women's clubs adjourned sine die Friday after electing the following officers:

President, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, of New Jersey, first vice president, Mrs. J. D. Harvey, of Chicago; recording secretary, Mrs. J. C. Crait, of New York; corresponding secretary, Miss. May B. Tumple, of Tennessect transvers, Mrs. Jone O. Cooper, of Chicago; condition, Mrs. H. H. Robinson, of Messachusetts. Board of directors—Mrs. Lilia M. Ketchom, Board of directors—Mrs. Lilia M. Ketchom, Board of Mrs. B. C. Sterling, Missouri, Miss. Mrs. B. C. Sterling, Missouri, Missouri, Mrs. Bay Bagers, Iowa; Mrs. Fanute P. Palman, Bhade island, Mrs. Mary Mumford.

A Jealous Husband Mortelly Wounds the Men Who Broke Up His Family. Louisville, Ky., May 14.—John T. Johnson, of Frankfort, with whose wife Charles Owens had been intimate for the fire, one of his shots wounding Judge W. L. Jett in the hand, permanently crippling that member. Owens is not expected to live. Johnson was

the ball passed through his heart. Mrs. Harter threw herself on the body, and, with her five children clinging to her, she was found by neighbors Friday morning. She was crazed with grief, and blamed hercelf for her husband's death. "He was a good man, it all my fault," she repeated over and over. Late in the afternoon she eluded her watchers, and, going to the pantry, procured some poison. An hour later she was dead. The five children are

POINTS ABOUT BILLIARDS.

American gentleman had asserted that his Tentonic countrymen could not as a rule appreciate American jokes. "Try one on me!" said he, defiantly, and the one on me!" said he, defiantly, and the American accordingly told him the story of the "tree out west," which was so high that it took two men to see to the top. One of them saw as far as he could and then the second began to look at the spot where the first stopped seeing. The recital did not raise the ghost of a smile upon the German's face and the other said to him: "Well, you see the joke is lost on you. you see the joke is lost on you. You can't appreciate American humor." "Oh, but," said the German, "dat's not humor. Dat's von Ke!"

There was a disastrous fire at Freienwald, in Prussia, at which eight people lost their lives. A young man was actively engaged in rescuing men and valuables when part of the house fell in and two rafters caught him by the legs. Both his legs were so tightly wedged between the woods that he could not be extricated and he was surrounded by having to die a slow death by being burned, he cried out to the men to shoot him or kill him in any way so as to save him from burning. But there was none to respond to his prayer. In desperation he fetched his clasp-knife out of his pocket and deliberately cut his throat in full sight of all the people surrounding the burning pile.

Negro Lynched in Little Rock. Negro Lynched in Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 16.—The first mob that was formed to lynch a culprit in the history of this city met at the county fall at 10 sclock Friday night and hanged Henry James, the negro who assaulted the 5-year-old step-daughter of Mr. Charles Johnson last Wednesday. The mob numbered 800. Wednesday. The mob numbered 800, smong whom were some of Little Rock's best known citizens.

No Room for Chinese.

Pirresugger, Pa., May 14.—The executive board of the Knights of Labor, in session here decided to ask all farmers not to buy footwear unless it is union made. A Missouri man wanted the privilege of organizing a Chinese as-sambly, but he was informed that the Chinese were excluded. There is not one Chinaman in the Knights of Labor openization organization.

Mutilated on a Machi

JOLIET, Ill., May 14.—Carl Olson met a horrible death Friday afternoon by being caught with a wire rod loop where he was working in the Ashley wire works drawing-room. He was drawn into the machine and had one leg pulled from its socket and his neck broken. The other men quit work, saying it was too dangerous a place.

Maryland's Oyster Outp BALTIMORE, Md., May 14 - The state oyster measurer's report to the gov-ernor will show that during the season just closed 5,854,320 bushels of oysters

WARHINGTON, May 14.—The secretary of the treasury and the director of the mint have approved the plan suggested by the world's fair management that \$30,000,000 in fifty cent pieces be struck off with designs appropriate to the ex-

William O'Brien and Dr. Tanner Mobbed by Parnellites

MILITARY CALLED OUT AT CORK

Fists, Stones, Plour, Mud and Cudgels Play Another Engagement in the Irish Political War.

around Dr. Tanner and Mr. O'Brien, while the crowd made a rush for the speakers, but was driven back. players fought desperately, catch up stones and using their fists. constable gave the alarm and two or for by friends. A score or more had been stretched on the ground, although out the band Mr. O'Brien and Dr. Tan-

willing to listen to O'Brien's speech quietly, but were prevented from entering the hall. This enraged them It is feared that he may die. The en-Irish party, and the feeling is as bitte in Cork as during the late parliament-

BITS OF INFORMATION.

A son of Joseph Wright, of Sterling. L, was drowned by the capsizing of a Dr. E. M. Reynolds Friday was elected president of the Iowa state board of

During the season just closed 5,554,-820 bushels of oysters were measured ed United States attorney for Arizona

by the president. Dr. E. K. Blair, of Waverly, was Friday elected president of the Illinois Dental association.

Lumber dealers of Cincinnati, Cov. ington and Newport have advanced the selling price of their lumber 5 per cent. Mrs. Joseph Miller, of Atchison, Kan. married only two weeks, died Friday from inhaling the fumes of a gasoline

Gen. John Anderson, United States consul-general at Cairo, is ill in Liver-pool. He was on his way home when

Three men put revolvers to the head of D. J. Minden in his office at Bay City, Mich., Friday, and forced him to surrender \$650.

The storage depot of the Pierce Oil Company, at San Antonio, Tex., was burned Thursday night. Loss, \$70,000; partly insured.

letter declining the invitation to b England's acceptance to participate

in the silver conference will carry the acceptance of France. Germany, Bel gium, Italy and Switzerland. Gov. Flower has vetoed the bill ap-propriating \$540,000 for improving and increasing the lockage and capacity of the state canals of New York.

The Twentieth session of the Michigan superintendents of schools close gan superintendents of schools closed Friday night at Juckson. The next meeting will be held at Saginaw.

William Frazer, of Kansas City, wa elected president of the International Printers' Protective fraternity at the convention in Milwaukee Friday. At the Methodist conference on F

day the committee on Episcopacy decided to recommend the election of tw more bishops at the present sessio Bills were introduced Friday in the Louisiana house to make an appropria-tion for an exhibit at the world's fair and to prevent the issuance of fre passes on the railroads of the state.

A Cleveland Block Burned. CLEVELAND, O., May 16.—Fire in the old Sturtevant block, at the corner of Seneca and Michigan streets. Friday night, did damage to the amount of



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